Vehicles manufactured by Maruti Udyog Ltd.

121. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what types of the vehicles are manufactured by Maruti Udyog Ltd.;

(b) whether any increase has been made recently in the prices of these vehicles; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) The following types of vehicles are manufactured by Maruti Udyog Limited:—

(i) 800 cc passenger car (Maruti 800)

(ii) 800 cc passenger van (Omni)

(iii) 4 wheel-drive off-road vehicle

(iv) 1000 cc passenger car (Maruti-1000)

(b) The prices of these vehicles have been increased with effect from 25th July, 1991.

(c) The ex-factory price increases, including excise duty on the standard models of these vehicles are given below:—

Model	Price increase	% increase
Maruti 800	Rs. 30,572/-	25·42%
Omni	Rs. 28,545/-	24·58%
Gypsy (Soft Top)	Rs. 78,101/-	22·71%
Maruti 1000	Rs. 11,025/-	3·45%

White Paper on Public Sector Undertakings

122. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue a White Paper on the working of the Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) In view of the fact that the Statement on Industrial Policy of 24th July, 1991 also covers the public sector, the Government do not propose to bring out a 'White Paper' on the working of the public sector undertakings.

Retirement rules of army officers

123. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review retirement rules regarding highest ranking Army officers on the basis of "Two Stream" concept in

view of the recent judgement given in this regard;

(b) whether any communication has been received by Government from the Army Headquarters in this regard; and

(c) what is the latest thinking of Government on the subject?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) A case on this issue is pending in the Gauhati High Court. The entire matter is, therefore, sub-judice.

Restructuring of Cement Corporation of India

124. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to restructure the Cement Corporation of India; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) The proposal of financial restructuring of Cement Corporation of India has already been approved by the Government.

(b) A statement giving the details is enclosed. (*See below*)

Statement

(1) Plan loans of Rs. 41.75 crores out of the total outstanding Plan Loans of Rs. 130.09 crores may be converted into equity to ensure debt-equity ratio 1:1.

(2) The Corporation may be sanctioned moratorium for a period of 6 years on the remaining outstanding Plan loans amounting to Rs. 88.34 crores and re-scheduling of the repayments of these loans. The effect of re-scheduling will be that the total period of repayment of plan loans will be extended upto 20 years.

(3) The Corporation may also be sanctioned mortatorium for a period of 2 years on the Non-plan loan of Rs. 22.37 crores sanctioned in the year 1988-89.

(4) Outstanding interest on Government loans as on 31-3-1989 amounting to Rs. 3.84 crores may be written off.

(5) The Corporation may also be sanctioned interest holiday on balance plan loans for a period of one year i.e. 1989-90. The amount involved is Rs. 12.03 crores.

Petrochemicals Complex near Barauni Oil Refinery (Bihar)

125. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up a Petrochemicals complex near Barauni Oil Refinery in Begusarai District of Bihar; and

(b) if so, by when the work is likely to commence and the period in which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZER (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Measures to improve functioning of PSUs.

126. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a steep fall in the profitability of Public Sector Undertakings during the first half of 1990-91;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have recently contemplated any concrete measures to improve the functioning of PSUs to make them more profitable; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?